



MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents and Principals
FROM: Sue Foxx, Alternative Education Specialist
DATE: October 2, 2009
SUBJECT: Credit Flexibility Policy

Earlier this year the State Board of Education granted flexibility to schools to award credit based on demonstration of subject area competency, instead of or in combination with completing hours of classroom instruction. The new flexible routes to accumulating high school credit will make it possible for students to own and customize learning through increased opportunities for real world experiences that relate to their interests and career aspirations. The flexibility allows access to more learning resources; addresses individual student needs; and uses multiple measures of learning.

Since March, many local boards of education and high schools have developed policies to implement the new flexibility. At the Department, we are trying to capture ***examples of local credit flexibility policies*** and post them online to assist schools that have not yet developed their own policies. If you are willing to share, please email your policy as an attachment to Sue Foxx at sufoxx@doe.in.gov by October 9, 2009. Policies submitted will be posted to <http://www.doe.in.gov/stateboard/> as they are received. We appreciate the collaborative spirit of those of you who have been early adopters in this process.